

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the present application as follows:

In the Specification

The following is a copy of portions of Applicants' specification that identifies language being added with underlining (e.g., "abc") and language being deleted with strikethrough (e.g., "~~abc~~"), as is applicable:

For the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 22, please amend as follows:

FIG. 5 is an example screen diagram that illustrates an initial guide arrangement in a time format that the DHCT as depicted in FIG. 2 presents to the subscriber.

For the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 22, please amend as follows:

With reference to FIG. 2, the configuration daemon 44 receives the configuration information and stores it in the IPG configuration database 43 from which configuration module 41 accesses the information, as ~~discusses~~ discussed above. The program data files 53 (FIG. 3) created by the IPG server 51 on the headend 11 are received by the IPG Daemon 46 which populates the IPG database 40 in memory 30 with the program data files 53 for utilization by the user interface 39 when commanded by the subscriber. Alternatively, the IPG database 40, or parts thereof may be stored in a storage device that is internal to the DHCT 16 or externally connected to the DHCT 16 via a communication port such as USB or IEEE-1394.

For the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 30, please amend as follows:

In FIG. 2 and FIG. 3, functionality of the various layers of software, including the operating system 31, platform 35, and applications such as the IPG 38 and Navigator 33 are generally present on both the client side and the server side of the cable television system. The Navigator 33 assists in providing basic cable services and navigation framework to the subscriber. The services available can include watching television and pay-per-view events, listening to digital music, and viewing the interactive program guide 38 (FIG. 2). The Navigator 33 also allows subscribers to access the settings in the DHCT 16 (FIG. 2), including volume, parental control, VCR commands, etc. The operating system 31 is a resident operating system on the DHCT 16 and is provisioned for reception of multi-media data over the broadcast and interactive cable networks and uses an open and modular platform to allow flexibility and customization. As a result, some features of the operating system 31 include real time multi-media data reception, streaming and processing, as well as multi-tasking capability, and an open platform. The operating system 31 also provisions the communication of data among different entities such as a multiplicity of applications executing in the DHCT 16. The application interface system (AIS) or Platform 35 is a collection of end-to-end software interfaces enabling applications on the cable televisions system network 10. The SAM 36 provides an interface and mechanism through which applications can be developed, introduced on the network, defined as a service, downloaded to the DHCT 16, executed on the DHCT 16 and removed from the network. The AIS is an end layer of application and service management software components that an application must utilize to exist in the cable television system network 10. It also consists of resource access and management components generally required by applications in the cable television system network 10. None of the AIS components have any client-side subscriber-interface interfaces, although graphical subscriber interfaces can exist to access server-

side components.

For the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 18, please amend as follows:

It should be emphasized that the above-described embodiments of the present invention, particularly, any "preferred embodiments" are merely possible examples of the implementations, merely ~~setting set~~ forth for a clear understanding of the principles of the inventions. Many variations and modifications may be made to the above-described embodiments of the invention without departing substantially from the spirit of the principles of the invention. All such modifications and variations are intended to be included herein within the scope of the disclosure and present invention and protected by the following claims.